Thank You
to all our volunteers who go above and beyond to support the 4-H Youth Development Program in Placer County! We couldn’t do it without you.

Placer County 4-H Participates In Giving Tuesday
Giving Tuesday is a global day dedicated to giving back. On Tuesday, December 1, 2015, nonprofits, families, businesses and students around the world came together for one common purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give. The California 4-H Foundation set a goal to raise $10,000 overall for California 4-H, inspire 100 new donors, and recruit new 4-H volunteers. The California 4-H Foundation Board agreed to match the first $5,000 in donations. Together the 4-H Foundation beat their goal on #GivingTuesday and raised $13,780 in the #4HGiving Confidence Campaign! This includes over $6,000 in matching gifts from the California 4-H Foundation and Foundation Board.
Placer County 4-H received the most donations in the state.
Thanks to all the volunteers, families and supporters that came together on this day. Hopefully it kick-started your year-end giving and exposed the great work we do every day to change kids’ lives through 4-H.
4-H Camp Youth Staff Applications
Application deadline: January 17, 2016—Camp Dates: TBA
Application can be found at http://ucanr.edu/campyouthstaff
This coming 4-H Summer Camp program is going to be an adventure. We are looking for dedicated Teen Leaders to be a part of the Camp Youth Staff. If you are willing to work and be a team player, please consider submitting the 4-H Camp Youth Staff Application form to the 4-H office. We have multiple Teen Leadership opportunities. Please check out the 4-H Camp Youth Staff application and see how you would like to become involved.

Would you like to be considered for the 4-H Junior Camp Directors position? Returning Jr. Camp Staff, whose last year at camp as a youth is 2015, are encouraged to consider applying for the Jr. Camp Director position. Please write an application letter and mail it to the 4-H Office, 11477 E Avenue, Auburn, CA 95603, post marked by January 17, 2016.
We want to remind you that becoming a 4-H Jr Camp Staff member is an application process. All parts of the process must be completed BEFORE you can be considered for a position. Youth applying will need to be able to attend 100% of camp and be entering 9th grade in fall of 2016. In order for your application to be considered, the below parts must be returned to the Placer County 4-H office by Sunday, January 17, 2016.

- A completed Application Form, front and back
- A Letter of Recommendation Form completed by a Project Leader or non-relative adult.
- 4-H Enrollment (Youth not enrolled in 4-H for the 2015-2016 year will need to fill out the enrollment application entirely and submit it with the Camp Youth Staff Application. The $40 enrollment fee will be collected if the youth is selected as camp staff.)

Please Note: Junior Camp Staff will participate in the following:

- Interview Process
- CPR Training
- One Camp Fundraiser
- One Camp Work Day
- Camping Leadership Training
- Attend 80% of all monthly camp staff meetings starting in February
- Attend 100% of camp
- Abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct, group agreements, and be a positive role model

If all these requirements are met, camp fees will be waived. Prior to participating in any camp meetings, ALL applicants must be enrolled in the current 2015-2016 4-H program year. Applications are available on-line at http://ucanr.org/placer4h or at the 4-H office, or contact Beth at 530-889-7386 or bsatterlee@ucanr.edu to have an application emailed. All applications must be returned complete to the Placer County 4-H office.

Still Exhibits Youth Fair
Saturday, January 30, 2016 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
Location: Roseville Veterans Memorial Hall, Roseville
This fun countywide hands-on educational day has something to involve everyone’s interest. If you or your club has a specialty you would like to share as a hands-on workshop for everyone to become involved in, please contact the 4-H office @ 530-889-7386. It is also a great opportunity for all members with Still Projects, for example, electricity, woodworking, food and clothing, etc. to exhibit their work for ribbon awards and help prepare them to exhibit at fairs.
Categories for Still Exhibits:
- Engineering (Woodworking, Electronics, Small Engines, etc.)
- Family and Consumer Sciences (Clothing, Foods, Home Arts, Fashion, etc)
- Health and Leisure (Creative Art, Crafts, Hobbies, Leather, Photography, etc.)
- Plant Science
- Social Sciences (Computers, Leadership Development, Citizenship)

Everyone is invited to attend this fun event! No advance registration is required.
County 4-H Presentation Day

Saturday, February 27, 2016  8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Registration Due: February 21, 2016
Location: Placer High School, 275 Orange Street, Auburn, CA

Pre-registration is REQUIRED:  http://ucanr.edu/placer4hpresentationday

What is a 4-H Presentation?
A presentation is a method used to communicate an idea by showing and/or telling. It can be a demonstration or a talk that uses posters and other visual aids. A 4-H Presentation helps you learn to research a subject, organize ideas in a logical order, be a teacher and practice public speaking skills. Placer County 4-H Presentation day is open to all 4-H members, and will be patterned after the format for the 4-H Regional and State Presentation Days. A State "California 4-H Presentation Manual Version 2015" is available on line at http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/2193.pdf. Community Club Leaders and Presentation Project Leaders will have a copy. Additional copies can be obtained at the 4-H office.

Presentation categories are open to all age groups - Primary, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior and include:

1. Demonstration
2. Illustrated Talk
3. Science or Engineering Presentation
4. Educational Display Talk
5. Informative Prepared Speech
6. Persuasive Prepared Speech
7. Impromptu Speech (download http://ucanr.edu/2016 impromptu topics (pdf) )
8. Interpretive Reading
9. Share the 4-H Fun Skit
10. Cultural Arts

To have a successful presentation it must contain the following:

- An introduction—it should briefly cover what is to be shown or told.
- A body—it should illustrate the subject logically and clearly.
- A summary—it should reiterate briefly what has been said so that the audience takes away the main idea.
- Don’t forget the original and catchy title, this will set the stage for your presentation!
- Most of all...Enjoy Yourself!

California 4-H offers 2016 Special Recognition: Awarded to 4-H members who participate at State 4-H Presentation Day and relate their presentations (all presentation formats are eligible; except impromptu speech) to one of the following four focus areas:

- Science, Engineering and Technology:  Motion
- Citizenship: Civic Engagement
- Healthy Living: Sleep and Stress
- Positive Youth Development: Mindset

Visit the State 4-H website http://ucanr.edu/recognition opportunities for more information, including complete descriptions, resources, and eligibility requirements.

For more information on 2016 State 4-H Presentation Day visit http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/PD/
Big Day Of Giving
Placer County 4-H is participating in the Big Day of Giving https://bigdayofgiving.org/ on May 3, 2016 to raise funds for the Woodchuck Flat Campground Facilities in Cisco Grove where our yearly week long summer camp takes place. If you are interested in assisting with this fundraiser we will be forming a committee of volunteers and youth from Placer and Nevada counties to help spread the word and reach out to our communities before the big day! Please contact the 4-H office for more information.

Attention Project Leaders
Placer County 4-H currently has funds available to assist in starting up brand new club projects or countywide projects focused in Science, Engineering, Technology, Sewing, and Jr. Master Gardeners. Contact the office for details.

What resources or curriculum would you like council to consider purchasing for the Placer County 4-H Lending Library to support your project? Please take our quick survey and share your ideas at http://ucanr.edu/lendinglibrary survey

Placer County 4-H Camp
VOLUNTEERS WANTED!
Summer camp is in need of volunteers to assist with fundraising events, opening camp and closing camp and day activities at camp this year. Youth and their families are welcome to assist on planned work weekend dates and fundraising events. Adults who wish to volunteer at camp need to be active 4-H volunteers, a process that can take a few weeks or more. Work weekend dates coming soon.

To become a volunteer please

- Fill out and turn in your enrollment application found here: http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/210809.pdf
- View the volunteer video and take the quiz http://ucanr.edu/sites/placercounty4h/Join_4-H/Requirements/
- Get fingerprinted in Placer County, forms available in the county office.
- Pay the office $14 enrollment fee
- Complete the Summer Camp Adult Volunteer Application if you want to volunteer during camp.

Joint Camp Meeting
January 28th, 2016
6:30pm
Higgins Fire Station
10106 Combie Rd, Auburn

All youth and families are welcome to attend however, this is not a meeting for attending camp or becoming youth staff. This meeting will address the budget and plans for projects at camp this year. If you have questions about attending the meeting please contact the 4-H office.

Got E-Waste?
Have your Electronic Waste picked up for free and support the Placer County 4-H First Robotics Team! All you have to do is call ewaste4good or visit their website http://ewaste4good.com/pickuprequest.html, select the Sacramento Area and Placer County 4-H Community Robotics Team, and the team receives money back for anything that is recycled.

4-H Office Closed
Friday, December 25
Friday, January 1
Monday, January 18

Check out Placer County 4-H on Twitter and Facebook for updates and event pictures. Invite your friends to LIKE our Facebook page! https://twitter.com/placercounty4h
The Ophir 4-H club Dessert Auction

By Lance Winfield

The dessert auction is an event that takes place yearly at the November Ophir 4-H meeting. The latest one took place on November 3, 2015. What happens is that an auction takes place to sell homemade treats. The treats sold at the auction had to be homemade and not bought from a store. This would give the buyer a unique and high quality item. The money from the auction is used to benefit the clubs' projects for the year. Sometimes the money can be used to help the club out with its financial needs as well. I am proud to report that Ophir 4-H club has raised approximately $5,000 from the auction this year.

In addition to homemade treats we have a silent auction gift basket. These baskets are usually donated by businesses and generous people in the Placer community. The gift baskets had very interesting themes at the auction. I can remember ones like movie night, massage, and a shotgun shell wreath. Before the auction starts, the kids have to sign a paper to register their desserts. We had gluten and nut free desserts. After the registration the 4-H member was given a number to show their position in the auction and display their desserts.

Next, our professional auctioneer, David Chaddock, starts the auction. Most of our desserts were sold at about $70 to $100 at the auction. One members' dessert sold for nearly $300 because with the dessert the person would get a Yorkshire piglet too. So far the dessert auction in my opinion is a very fun experience for the club members, families and the community. I am in a lot of 4-H projects in Ophir 4-H club, so it makes me feel happy that so many people support the 4-H projects. The money will go to help all of us kids and our leaders.
Other Opportunities

Chico State Swine Day - Saturday, January 23, 2016
*California State University, Chico Farm Pavilion*
Variety of educational workshops on nutrition, health, carcass evaluation and more.
Doors will open for registration at 8am - cost will be $5/per person (includes lunch)
Educational program will start at 9am
Lunch will be served at 12pm
Project pig sale will begin at 1pm - approximately 30 project pigs will be up for sale
Contact: Clay Carlson- ccarlson2@csuchico.edu

Fair News and Dates

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Placer County and Gold Country Fair would like to remind us:

County, District and State Fairs cannot legally carry liability insurance covering junior exhibitors and/or their exhibits. Liability insurance is the responsibility and at the discretion of the junior exhibitor. Therefore, it is suggested that junior exhibitors consider taking out a liability policy covering themselves and their exhibits. All Independent Exhibitors are required to show proof of liability insurance. All other junior Exhibitors (4-H and FFA) are strongly urged to carry liability insurance. A policy may be purchased through California Fair Services Authority for a minimal cost. Please be aware that Gold Country Fair Jr. Livestock Rule # 36, stating that market steers must be under control at all times, will be strictly enforced. Call the Fair offices for assistance and applications.

Quality Assurance/Ethics Mandatory Training - Gold Country Fairgrounds’ Sierra Building

All 4-H project leaders, 4-H exhibitors, FFA Advisors, FFA exhibitors, Independent exhibitors and parents of independent exhibitors MUST complete Quality Assurance/Ethics training once every five years. Entries will not be accepted by the fairs if training was not completed- NO EXCEPTIONS.
This mandatory training is for those exhibitors entering small animals or livestock at Placer County Fair and/or Gold Country Fair. These requirements are established by Placer County Fair and Gold Country Fair. All trainings are organized by the fairs.

Gold Country Fairgrounds’ Sierra Building on the following dates:

- Thursday, April 7th - 6:30 pm
- Thursday, June 9th - 6:30 pm
- Thursday, July 7th - 6:30 pm

Direct questions to: Laurie Johnson, Gold Country Fair 530-823-4530

NEW Gold Country Fair Community Service Days

4-H Clubs and or FFA Chapters will be responsible to have all members showing animals at the Fair participate in a workday coordinated by the 4-H Club or project group or FFA Chapter. Clubs/Chapters are required to provide the Fair with a list of members that have participated in a workday. The fair will provide a list of possible projects.

Questions regarding Placer County Fair or Gold Country Fair? Contact the specific Fair Office directly.

Placer County Fair (916) 786-2023
Gold Country Fair (530) 823-4533
California Focus - June 17-21, 2016
California Focus is a unique citizenship educational experience that combines hands-on participation in workshops, debates and simulations with speakers, tours, fun activities and new friends from across California. Youth must be at least 14 years old by the time of California Focus. For more information visit their website at: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/CF/.

Citizenship Washington Focus - July 10—16, Heritage Trail, July 10-19, Global Journey
Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 14-19 that takes place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, just 1 mile from the Washington, D.C. border. Every summer, thousands of young people participate in the program, which provides opportunities for them to:
- Strengthen their communication, leadership, and citizenship skills on a national level
- Understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities as they relate to the development of better citizens and leaders
- Exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds
- Experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of Washington, DC.
For more information visit the following website: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/WF/.

Leadership Washington Focus - July 11-15, 2016
Leadership Washington Focus (LWF) is a 4-H leadership program for youth entering grades 7 through 9. The program will take place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, just 1 mile from the Washington, D.C. border. For more than 50 years, thousands of 4-H’ers have participated in our high school program, Citizenship Washington Focus and now we are happy to introduce its precursor for middle school 4-H’ers. For more information visit the following website: http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/LWF/.

State Leadership Conference - July 28-31, 2016 at Humboldt State University
http://www.ca4h.org/Programs-Conferences/SLC/
The 4-H State Leadership Conference brings together high school youth (ages 13-19) from across California in a four-day leadership training, networking, and learning experience. The conference provides advanced leadership training and is an opportunity for 4-H members to network and share ideas with other 4-Hers from across the state. The conference focuses on providing high school youth with experiential education on leadership development, civic engagement, college admissions and other 4-H project areas.

Save the Date! State Field Day - May 28, 2016 at UC Davis
http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/
Check back in mid January for more information from the State on this field day.

Save the Date! California Camping Conference - April 1-3, 2016
The next California Camping Conference will be held at the Nevada State 4-H Camp in Stateline, Nevada. The Camping Conference provides 4-H teen leaders and adult camp administrators the opportunity to network and attend sessions to develop their local camp program. Please inform your key leaders and teen leaders.

New 4-H Curriculum - Designed for new 4-H members, this introductory book will provide a glimpse of the various project areas and opportunities 4-H has to offer. The Discovering the World of 4-H Book features information on general 4-H, character education, communication, theater arts, health, safety, fitness, nutrition, food, fishing, animals, pets, photography, and shooting sports. Discovering the World of 4-H.

Sewing Fundamentals Curriculum - Youth will gather the tools they need to begin sewing, understand textiles through fun science experiments, learn beginning math and engineering techniques in clothing construction, and take their skills a step further, investigating businesses, service learning projects, and modeling. See the California 4-H Newsletter for more information.

2016 State Fashion Revue
State 4-H Fashion Revue (SFR) “Hoe Down, Sew Down,” will be held Saturday, May 28, 2016 during State Field Day at UC Davis. SFR service projects are Port Pillows for cancer patients, and Reusable Tote Bags to be distributed to communities. You can read more about these projects on the state 4-H website, using the link below, which also includes patterns and instructions for these items. Members qualify in their home counties to enter SFR in five categories: Traditional, Consumer Science Purchased ($40 limit), Up-cycled, and the 2016 challenges which are the Western Challenge and the Muslin Challenge. Please review the category rules and general SFR policies on the website at http://4h.ucanr.edu/4-H_Events/SFD/SFR/ . If you have questions, contact Sue Moore, SFR Registrar, at 2moores@mlode.com
2015 Embryology Workshop
All those interested in the embryology program and using a 4-H incubator need to attend this embryology training.

**Please only teachers and adult volunteers permitted**

Register for the training by February 10th

On-line registration will be coming soon. Please continue to visit the Placer County 4-H Website for further updates.

Feb. 16th 2016
4:30 pm to 6:00 pm or 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Placer County UCCE/4-H Office
11477 E Ave
Auburn, CA

For more information and questions please visit:
http://ucanr.edu/sites/placercounty4h/Embryology/
or call the 4-H Office (530) 889-7386

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More 4-H Links:

California State 4-H Website:  http://www.ca4h.org

State 4-H Newsletters: http://www.ca4h.org/News

National 4-H Headquarters Website: http://www.4h.org

California 4HOnline: (enrollment) https://california.4honline.com

4-H Mall: http://www.4-hmall.org

4-H Clover Safety Notes: http://safety.ucanr.org/4h/

National 4-H Council: http://www.fourhcouncil.edu/

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Please visit the Placer County 4-H Calendar regularly for relevant upcoming events for 4-H’ers:
http://ucanr.edu/placer county calendar

Share Your 4-H Experience!
Any 4-H member can submit an article for this newsletter.

NEXT NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
February 10, 2016

Send it via e-mail to: bsatterlee@ucanr.edu All articles are subject to approval by the 4-H Program Representative. After approval, articles are published as space permits. A digital picture with your article is a great addition.

Please send photos in JPG format.

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